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International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of the importance of the atmosphere of trusting and respectful dialogue and interaction among the permanent representatives of States Members of the United Nations for the successful promotion of the noble principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Willing to facilitate the exchange and proliferation of good diplomatic practices, experience and insight, as well as the preservation of the institutional memory of the United Nations diplomatic community,

Recalling that the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations was established on 2 February 1988 in New York upon the initiative of the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, Samir Shihabi, as an informal forum and a framework for regular communication and consultation among former and current permanent representatives to the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the close personal ties of amity and friendship that are forged between permanent representatives to the United Nations in their common pursuit of the shared objectives of the United Nations,

Wishing to promote informal interpersonal communication among former and current permanent representatives to the United Nations and to ensure the continuity thereof,

1. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the role played by the former Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations, Samir Shihabi and all subsequent presidents of the International Association of Permanent Representatives

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to the United Nations in leading and developing the Association and guiding it towards the achievement of its goals and objectives;

2. *Recognizes* the important role played by the Association and its positive contribution to the activity of the Organization through the promotion of better interpersonal connectedness and a climate of trust and openness, as well as the exchange of good practices and experience;

3. *Invites* the States Members of the United Nations to support the work of the Association and encourage the participation of former and current permanent representatives to the United Nations in the events and forums of the Association;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Association, from within existing resources, with facilities on a non-remuneration basis and to replace its current office with a more suitable space to enable the Association to convene its meetings;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to provide the Association with a separate web page, to be hosted on the delegates section of the United Nations web site, with content provided by the Association and updated from time to time with information on its recent activities;

6. *Authorizes* the use by the Association of the United Nations emblem alongside the emblem of the Association, provided that guidelines for the use thereof are followed.